

# The Palais Royal

NEW YEAR REQUISITES.

Palais Royal prices—always lowest when quality is considered—are reduced for the last days of the old year. New Year home and dress needs are included, told of in this announcement.

## 25 Per Cent Discount.

Choice of thousands of pieces of warranted Silverware, ticketed at various prices from \$1 to \$10. These prices are considerably less than jewelry store quotations. When you deduct the discount you are guaranteed prices 33 per cent less than prevailing. Choice of best variety in Washington. See the great cases and counters full, beginning at G street entrance.

## 1904 Table Linen.

Fringed Doilies gradually rise in price from \$1 to \$3 per dozen; Tray Covers from 25c to \$1; Fringed Sets from \$3 to \$15; Hemstitched Sets from \$3 to \$15. Take elevator to second floor.

**\$2.29** for Double South Damask Pattern, usually \$3.  
**\$2.79** for the 2x2 1/2 Cloth, and \$3.49 for the 2x3 Cloth.

**73c** yard for usual \$1. Satin Damask, 70 inches wide.  
**98c** yard for extra heavy Satin Damask, 72 inches wide, \$1.25 quality.

## The Glassware.

Cut Glass is here marked at 10 to 20 per cent less than prevailing prices. The saving in the cost of such expensive glassware is material. Basement floor for the Palais Royal Glassware.

**\$2.98** for our \$3.08 Cut Glass Water Bottles. Elsewhere sold at \$5.  
**\$1.75** for our \$2.25 Dish, usually sold at \$2.50. Investigate.

**\$3.98** for our \$5 Fruit Bowls. Quality usually sold at \$6.  
**\$2.25** for our \$2.75 Spoon Trays. \$3 at other stores. Investigate.

## Superior Imitation Cut Glass at Astonishingly Little Prices.

Marvelous imitation of Cut Glass Punch Bowl, with stand, for only \$1.98. Wine Sets, Decanters and 6 Glasses, for only \$1.69. Fruit Stands, with flower vase center, for only 69c.

Wine Glasses, usually 50c dozen, for only 36c.  
Thin-blown Tumblers, usually 50c dozen, for only 42c.  
Engraved Tumblers, quality sold at 80c, dozen, for only 60c.  
Eggnog Glasses, usually 75c dozen, for only 48c.

Thin-blown Tumblers, usually 50c dozen, for only 42c.  
Engraved Tumblers, quality sold at 80c, dozen, for only 60c.  
Water Tumblers, quality sold at 33c dozen, for only 24c.



## 33c for 75c Photo Frames.

Florentine Frames that retain their beauty for ever, practically. The picture is of one; others are here, some with oval opening. The price—33c—is nominal. The opportunity to brighten the home and do justice to neglected photographs should bring you here tomorrow.

## At Half Price.

The curiously artistic Metal Ornaments, such as Letter Racks, Photo Frames, Mirrors, Card Trays, Thermometers, Inkwells, Clocks, Vases, etc. For sale in jewelry department.

20%.

Parlor Lamps with art globes for as much as \$14.98, for as little as \$1.98—One-fifth off the marked prices. Go to Basement floor.

## Furniture.

20 per cent discount allowed on all Gold Reception Chairs, Parlor Tables, Rockers, etc. Many attractive pieces to choose from. Take elevator to fourth floor.

## Pictures.

Superior Etchings, in 20x30 gold frames, with 4-inch molding. The art stores, \$7.50 pictures—here at only \$1.49. Fourth floor, with furniture and draperies.

## \$10 for \$13.98 to \$20 Silk Petticoats.

SUITABLE NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

Rich Silk Evening Skirts, in white and pretty colors. What better present to wife or daughter? Come early tomorrow—and pick out a \$20 garment. If a later visitor please don't expect better than a \$15 Skirt for \$10. Note that \$7.50 will purchase the usual \$10 Silk Petticoat. Take elevator to third floor.

**\$3** suffices for best of \$5 Evening Corsets, of all-silk ribbon, boned with genuine whalebone. Pink, blue and white. Third floor.

## Evening Gloves.

Best quality at less than usual prices. 12 to 20 buttons, \$2 to \$3 pair. Fitted by experts.

**\$3.98** for \$5 to \$15 Evening Neckpieces. Only 39c for erstwhile 50c to 75c smaller pieces. As much as \$25 for Lace Berthas.

**\$1** to \$15 each for Duchesse and Point Lace Handkerchiefs. 20 per cent less than usual prices are assured.

## 5c Per Ounce for 25c Perfumery.

The Palais Royal's Extracts, sold at 25c per ounce, are known of to a host of regular patrons. Beginning tomorrow morning the Annual Stock-taking Sale begins—when all partly filled bottles are to be quickly disposed of—5c per ounce. Ounce bottles supplied tomorrow's early visitors. Later callers should bring bottles.

## At 49c

Some Were \$1.50.  
Sterling Silver Bonnet Brushes, Whisk Brooms, Infants' Brushes, Fitted Work Boxes, Writing Tablets, Brush and Comb Sets, Handing Mirrors, etc. On long table, facing 11th street entrance.

## At 69c

Some Were \$1.50.  
The Fashionable Hand Bags, in all the best shapes and shades. Last of the \$1 and \$1.50 Bags at only 69c for choice. Note the solid leather handles.

## At 98c

Some Were \$2.50.  
Choice of Men's Smoking Sets. Imported Rosewood Cigar Boxes, China Tobacco Jars and Expensive Handkerchief and Glove Boxes. Very few were less than \$2; many were \$2.50.

## At 25 Per Cent Discount.

LADIES' AND MEN'S PRESENTS.

Look for these articles in the late "Men's Corner," the northeast corner of the fourth floor, bordered by the departments for Toilet Articles and Dolls.

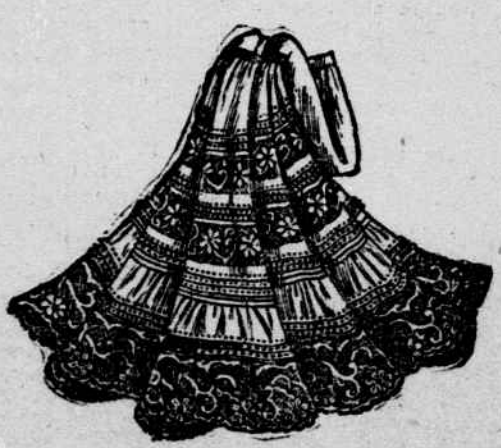
Writing Tablets marked at various prices from \$1.49 to \$7.49, at one-quarter off these prices. Collar and Cuff Boxes at \$1.98 to \$3.49, less 25 per cent discount.

Shaving Sets marked \$1.98 to \$2.25, will be \$1.49 and \$1.69, respectively. Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets, \$1.49 to \$1.98, less 25 per cent discount. Brush and Comb Trays, \$1.49 to \$2.49. Take one-quarter off.

Imported Atomizers here at 49c to \$2.98, less 25 per cent discount. 75c to \$1. Deduct one-quarter. Hair Receivers and Powder Boxes are here at 49c to \$3.49.

**\$1.29**  
SOME WERE \$2.25.

The Palais Royal's Annual Clearing Sale of old year stock of Cambric and Cotton Undergarments is now taking place. The illustrations are two of the many \$1.98 and \$2.25 garments reduced to \$1.29 for choice.



**\$3.98**  
Some Were \$7.50.

**\$1.79**  
Some Were \$3.50.

**67c**  
Some Were \$1.25.

**42c**  
Some Were 75c.

Regular patrons know of the Palais Royal's Gowns, Skirts, Corset Covers, Drawers and Chemises—they also know of and wait for the Annual Clearing Sale of old year stock. Further advertising will soon be unnecessary—the goods are being distributed rapidly enough to create a very speedy clearance.

Palais Royal, A. Lisner, G & 11th Sts.

## Scheduled for President of the B. and O. R. R.

## SUCCESSOR OF LOREE

## ELECTION IS BEING HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

Much Speculation as to Probable Promotions—Loree's Big Salary.

NEW YORK, December 29.—A meeting of the directors of the Rock Island road, at which L. F. Loree, late president of the Baltimore and Ohio, will be elected president, will be held this afternoon.

Baltimore and Ohio directors will also meet at the same time for the purpose of announcing the election of Loree. It is understood that Vice President Oscar Murray will be elected president of that company.

According to a semi-official statement made in Baltimore last night, Mr. Oscar G. Murray will be elected president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, at a meeting of the board of directors to be held in New York city today, to succeed Mr. L. F. Loree, who resigned to become president of the Rock Island system. At one time during yesterday's session, it was decided to make an official statement to the above effect, but later this was rescinded as a courtesy to the directors, who will, announce the election today.

The slate for promotions, following the elevation of Mr. Murray, is entirely problematical, as suggested in The Evening Star of yesterday. The most prominent name mentioned is Mr. George L. Potter, the third vice president, for the position that will be vacant by Mr. Murray's increased honors.

As the hand of Mr. Alexander J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, has been so clearly shown in the matter, it is believed to be not unlikely that some Pennsylvania official may be selected for the first vice presidency. In Baltimore last evening it was said that there was a possibility of Mr. George M. Shriver, assistant to the president, becoming first vice president.

Mr. Murray was in Philadelphia yesterday afternoon conferring with officials of the Pennsylvania railroad. He had a talk with President Cassatt and spent much of his time with Mr. S. M. Prevost, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Estimate of Mr. Murray. After printing the semi-official announcement of Mr. Murray's selection, the Baltimore American of today says:

"Mr. Murray is looked upon here as the logical man for president of the Baltimore and Ohio, he being one of the most thoroughly practical railroad men in the country, in addition to being entirely familiar with every detail of the Baltimore and Ohio system."

He is also known as a peer of traffic-getters, as was shown by his magnificent success along that line during the period of reorganization of the road, when he was co-receiver with Mr. Cowley in the work. "No matter what his policy may be with regard to the system after he becomes its president, it will undoubtedly be a vigorous and progressive one, and it is not unlikely that he will push the ever-growing importance of the Baltimore and Ohio as one of the great trunk lines of the country."

Mr. Loree's Salary. The New York Herald today says:

"In connection with the retirement of W. B. Leeds as president of the Rock Island and the election of L. F. Loree, now president of the Baltimore and Ohio, as his successor, it was stated in Wall street yesterday that Mr. Loree will receive the highest salary paid a railroad president in the United States. The estimate of Mr. Loree's salary, as mentioned in Wall street among railroad men as the salary which Mr. Loree will receive, the estimates ranging from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year."

"Directors of the Rock Island refused to discuss the matter, but it was stated that the inducement offered Mr. Loree to leave his connection with the Baltimore and Ohio was such that he could not help but seriously consider it."

Some of the officials which the Rock Island have already secured are known to receive fancy salaries, and it is the general belief that the Rock Island directors will have the honor of being the highest paid railroad president in the United States when he goes to the Rock Island.

"It was said in Wall street yesterday that Speyer & Co. will act as bankers in an advisory capacity to the Rock Island when it decides to take up the matter of reorganization of the funded indebtedness."

"As was exclusively stated in the Herald a few days ago, the officials have definitely decided that the Rock Island will have the honor of being the highest paid railroad president in the United States when he goes to the Rock Island."

"It was reported that as a result of the decision of the Speyer firm to take up the consideration of the Rock Island finances, it was agreed that banking house should nominate the successor to Mr. Leeds. This report was, however, officially denied by both interests."

"Mr. Leeds, it was explained yesterday, found that his health would not permit him to devote the attention to the duties which the duties of the office demanded. Further, he will retain his interest in the property and will continue to act in an advisory capacity both as a director and as an executive committee member."

ASKS FOR RECONSIDERATION. Automobile Company Objects to Ruling of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners have received a letter from Charles G. Stephenson, attorney for the National Capital Automobile Company, requesting the District authorities to reconsider their decision declining to permit the company to maintain a wooden structure building against the side of the company's building. The writer explains that the shed is not for the purpose of holding gasoline barrels indefinitely, but is to be used as a temporary place where the gasoline barrels can be put while their contents are being transferred to an underground tank.

The Commissioners have approved the recommendation of the inspector of buildings that the matter be referred to the fire marshal for consideration. Inspector Ashford states that he has already recommended to the police department that this shed, in which no permit was ever issued by his office or removed according to the former direction of the Commissioners.

Favor the Extension. In a report on the bill providing for the extension of T street between Lincoln avenue and 2d street northeast, which was submitted to the chairman of the District committee in Congress today, the Commissioners state that they favor the extension, that it is an important and much needed improvement, but that they cannot recommend the passage of the bill until better arrangements regarding the District finances are made.

K. of P. Lodge Election. At the regular convention of Calanth Lodge, No. 11, K. of P., held Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. C. McLean, chairman; commander; Burton Idehart, vice commander; John Link, prelate; E. W. Yount, master of exchequer; E. D. Frazier, master of finance (re-elected); G. W. Hale, keeper of records and seal (re-elected); Israel Somers, master of the lodge; Thomas G. Idehart, master-at-arms; E. F. Kaller, inner guard; Joseph Mace, outer guard; Thomas R. Riley, D. N. R. Jenner and E. D. Frazier, trustees; representatives to the Grand Lodge, D. L. Burnell, Thomas R. Riley, N. R. Jenner, Thomas G. Landin and G. W. Hale.

## HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

## Eastern Alumni Give Banquet, Followed by a Dance.

The Eastern High School Alumni Association held its seventh annual reunion at the school, 7th street near Pennsylvania avenue southeast, last night. The first part of the evening was devoted to a banquet with toasts and responses, and the last part to dancing. There was a large attendance, and with the aid of the holiday cheer the memories of the old school days were revived and school spirit renewed.

The banquet and dance were held in the basement of the building and the rooms and corridors were tastefully decorated, flags and bunting vying with Christmas greenery to make things beautiful. The dinner was served in the drill hall, and here also the dancing took place.

Mr. Robert J. Sullivan, president of the association, acted as toastmaster at the dinner. The toasts and responses were as follows: "The Benefit of School Spirit," Mr. George W. W. Vinal, '02; "Cassell in Spain," Miss Lucia F. McGroarty, '08; "The Gentle Art of Being Good," Mr. Delton M. Edwards, '03; "Our Alumni," Mr. John C. Fitzpatrick, '04; "Latina Dilecta," Miss May Weide, '07; "Reverence," Mr. J. Homer Dels, '06.

The plan given under the direction of the officers of the past year, who were: President, Mr. Robert J. Sullivan, '01; vice president, Miss Marie L. Sander, '02; secretary, Mr. Gilbert W. Keller, '06; treasurer, Mr. Bertram G. Foster, '04. The following comprised the executive committee: Mabel M. Edwards, '03; Mr. John C. Fitzpatrick, '04; Dr. Edgar P. Copeland, '06; Mr. Gilbert W. Keller, '06; Miss May Weide, '07; Miss Maria A. Muck, '08; Mr. E. W. Vinal, '02; Mr. Henry Bradshaw, '00; Miss Nan G. McGroarty, '01; Miss Frances J. Miller, '02; Mr. Robert J. Sullivan, '01; Mr. John C. Fitzpatrick, '04; vice president, Miss Frances J. Miller, '02; treasurer, Mr. Bertram G. Foster, '04.

The following officers for the year 1904 were elected: President, J. C. Fitzpatrick, class of '94; vice president, Miss Frances J. Miller, '02; secretary, Mr. Bertram G. Foster, '04; treasurer, Mr. Bertram G. Foster, '04.

## AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN.

## B. and O. Company Promises Information Regarding Increased Facilities.

Mr. W. H. Tenney of the firm of W. H. Tenney & Sons of Water street is in receipt of a communication from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, in reply to his letter of inquiry several days ago, regarding the disposition made of the petition for freight facilities for Georgetown. In the letter just received the officials state that they can merely acknowledge Mr. Tenney's communication at this time, but they hope to be in a position in the near future to furnish the Baltimore interests of Georgetown with the desired information.

The installation of new officers of Georgetown Tent No. 6, Knights of the Macedonian Order, took place last night at a meeting. The officers, as recently elected, are: Commander, Thomas M. Smith; lieutenant commander, Albert D. Keyser; recorder, Morton Wood; chaplain, J. M. Bean; sergeant, D. M. Graham; master at arms, A. Coyle; globe master, J. M. Bean; M. D. Stevens; second master of the guard, Albert Degenhardt; sentinel, J. T. Faulkner; picket, Thomas E. Garrison; trustee, George Shookmaker.

John Parkhurst, the six-year-old youth who was so seriously injured about two weeks ago by being run over by a delivery wagon, is reported to have entirely recovered. The accident occurred within sight of his home. Several of his ribs and his collar bone fractured.

Joseph Clark of 2905 N street northwest, the plumber who was injured by the explosion of a chemical mixture while rolling a cylinder of acetylene gas tank, Fort Myer, Va., several days ago, is reported to be improving. The tank did not burst. Clark was injured by the explosion of the tank when the explosion occurred. He was painfully burned about the upper portion of his body. He was blown through a window.

The New Year reception by the members of Silver Star Lodge, No. 20, I. O. G. T., of Georgetown, took place last evening at the Grand Temple's Hall on the Brookview road. Miss Cora L. Bowling has been chosen chairman of the committee on entertainment and has arranged an elaborate program for the occasion.

The Christmas entertainment of the members of St. John's Episcopal church, which was held last evening at the parish hall. An interesting literary and musical program was rendered and refreshments were served. The Christmas entertainment of the Tabor M. P. Church will be held tomorrow evening. Rev. J. H. Straughn, the pastor, will deliver the address of the occasion, and a special program of music will be rendered.

## MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

## Election of Officers Takes Place at Meeting Held Last Night.

The Grand Lodge, F. A. M., of the District of Columbia, held its St. John's day communication at Masonic Temple last evening, when officers were chosen for the ensuing year as follows: James A. Wetmore, grand master; Lurin R. Ginn, deputy grand master; Walter A. Brown, senior grand warden; Francis J. Woodman, junior grand warden; Arvine V. Johnston, grand secretary; James A. Sample, grand treasurer; Thomas H. Young, grand lecturer; Claudius B. Smith, grand chaplain; Daniel W. Skellenger, assistant grand chaplain; Augustus B. Coolidge, grand marshal; Henry K. Simpson, senior grand deacon; George Ober, junior grand deacon; Claude Keiper, grand sword-bearer; Ben W. Murch, grand pursuivant; Charles E. Baldwin, senior grand steward; Charles E. Baldwin, junior grand steward; Warren C. Bickford, grand tiler; Samuel R. Bond, trustee for three years; James A. Sample, representative to Masonic Temple Association and Frank C. Thacker, coparticipant in Masonic Hall Association.

## SUIT FOR INJUNCTION.

## Complainant Wants Claim Made First Lien Upon Property.

Proceedings have been instituted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by William T. Lawton against Joel Hillman and Aubrey Palmers, the latter a United States marshal for the District, for injunction and to establish a lien upon personal property. It is stated that Mr. Hillman became the purchaser of certain property upon which Mr. Lawton had made repairs upon order of the former owner.

The court is asked to declare the complainant's claim a first lien upon the property and to direct payment of the same out of the purchase money, should the sale stand. Pending determination of the questions at issue an injunction is sought to restrain the defendants from either disposing of the property or distributing the purchase money. Chief Justice Claiborne granted a temporary restraining order and set the matter for hearing January 5. The complainant is represented by Attorneys Lambert & Baker.

## Companies Incorporated.

Certificates incorporating the following organizations have been filed in the office of the recorder of deeds: The Red Star Broom Manufacturing Company; incorporators, H. Clay Campbell, Charles W. Embrey and Ralph E. Campbell; capital stock, \$30,000. H. C. Turner & Company; capital stock, \$20,000; incorporators, R. E. Donaldson, E. W. McCormick, James F. Shepperson, H. C. Turner and Joseph J. Keenan. The Chicago-Findlay Oil Company; incorporators, R. E. Donaldson, James F. Shepperson and E. W. McCormick; capital stock, \$10,000. The Illinois Tonnage Mining Company; capital stock, \$2,000,000; incorporators, H. Clay Campbell, B. C. Campbell and Charles W. Embrey.

## Strike in Unsettled State.

The meeting of the Central Labor Union last evening failed to straighten out matters in the local building trades strike. The report of the special committee on the alleged repudiation of the strike order of the council of building trades by the union members and interior marble workers and their helpers, was submitted, but no action was taken. The matter will be investigated further.

## Administrator Appointed.

On petition of Howard Neagle, through Attorneys Cole and Deobason, the Probate Court today appointed him administrator of the estate of his mother, Mrs. Virginia C. K. Neagle, who died the 18th instant at the home of her niece, Mrs. John F. Waggoner.

Mrs. Neagle was sick only a day or two, and the announcement of her death was a surprise and shock to her many friends.

## MESSANGER SERVICE

## ARGUMENTS AGAINST PERMITTING BOYS TO ENTER IT.

## Discussion Before Meeting of Conference of Class of Associated Charities.

—Other Matters Considered.

The bi-weekly meeting of the conference of the Associated Charities of the District of Columbia last evening, at which a number of interesting addresses were delivered. These meetings are open to the general public and were planned by Mr. Charles F. Weller, secretary of the Associated Charities, in order that a fuller knowledge might be obtained of the conditions existing in Washington involving the health and morals of a large part of its population, and also to make known the opportunities that exist for those who are desirous of doing charitable work. They also give an idea of the manner in which the operations of the organization are conducted.

The meeting last night was presided over by Rev. J. H. Maguire, pastor of the Universalist Church of Our Father, vice Rev. J. R. Maguire, who was prevented from attending by illness. The subject for discussion was "Compulsory Education and Child Labor in the District of Columbia." Rev. Claudius F. Smith, rector of Calvary Mission, southwest, was the first speaker, and dealt with the subject of the telegraph messenger boys and special delivery carriers of the post office, his topic being "The Education of the Telegraph Messenger Boys." He mentioned the small pay the boys received and their environment.

"I am not a ranter," he said, "but I confess to being a man who believes in a better family I should move to the country rather than allow my boy to enter a messenger service in this city." He then dealt with the treatment of the boys in the post office. "I was appalled that no fit room was provided in which the boys may rest in when they turn in at night. I feel the injustice of the way the government clothes these servants. The carriers have a long, nicely lighted room to rest in when they turn in at night. They have uniforms which indicate that they represent something that has power behind it. I would not the boys have the same as the treatment of the boys in the post office?"

Indulges in Reproof. "I was ashamed of my country when I saw boys coming in with old caps which had 'gone to seed' long ago. This government cannot afford to be saving in the matter of properly clothing its employees."

The minister expressed the opinion that it would be better to employ men for this work and spare the boys from the demoralizing influences with which they are bound to come in contact. He believed no boy under fourteen years of age should be employed in this service.

Mrs. Mary C. Rugg, agent of the Associated Charities in the northeast, said that Mr. Smith had not pictured strongly enough the evils of the messenger system. She declared that the mother of a boy who in one of the needy families under her notice proposes to put her boy in the messenger service. She would rather place a boy of hers in a small hospital, she said, than allow him to come in contact with associations which make the boys familiar with all the vices of the most disreputable parts of the city.

## Compulsory Education.

Dr. Emily Young O'Brien then gave "A Statistical Study of Truancy." She made evident the need for compulsory education and advocated the passage of a law providing attendance agents to bring into school the 6,400 between the ages of eight and fourteen years now truants in this city.

The letter was read from A. T. Stuart, superintendent of schools, from which it was learned that a law such as Mrs. O'Brien had suggested, her address had been under consideration by the committee, but had not yet been submitted to Congress. There has been some discussion, he said, as to the propriety of the enactment of a compulsory education law when we have not adequate school room provided for our children. But Mr. Stuart favored the proposition because of the fact that there are many places in the schools where individual truants could be accommodated, and because the would relieve the pressure upon inadequate accommodations which help to impress Congress with the need of additional schools.

The Christmas was participated in by Mrs. Charles F. Weller, Mr. D. A. Glascock, Mrs. N. W. Hankemeyer, Mrs. Woodbury and Mr. Charles F. Weller. The latter said he was more impressed with the destruction of boy life in parts of our city than he had been in the neediest sections of Chicago. He said the fundamental question was whether democracy can continue to be a satisfactory form of government depended to a large extent upon the surroundings and influences which are allowed to bear upon the lives of young boys and girls.

## The Chief Influence.

He said that in his experience the chief influence that keeps 6,500 out of school in Washington is the indifference of parents and the indifference of the community in which they live.

Mr. Weller argued that the compulsory school age should be from six to fourteen years instead of eight to fourteen. He had found a great many Washington boys beginning habits of cigarette smoking, corner cards and other vices, between the ages of six and eight years, and good influence of the school should be brought to bear on these as soon as possible.

## Annual Holiday Entertainment.

The annual holiday entertainment of the Sunday school of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Jackson and Pierce streets, took place last evening. Beautiful decorations of evergreens made the interior of the auditorium attractive and the stage bore effective trimmings of the same, with Christmas bells suspended and a handsomely decorated Christmas tree at one end.

The entertainment was in charge of Mr. Arthur B. Suit, the superintendent of the Sunday school, who, in connection with various committees, had made all arrangements for the event. An orchestra rendered music.

The program carried out was as follows: Singing, "O Christmas Tree," school; recitation, "Christmas Greeting," Raymond Middleton; recitation, "Letter from Santa Claus," Mabel M. Edwards; dialogue, "Bethlehem," primary class; recitation, "Two Mitts," Fannie Cator; singing, "Hail, Holy Morn," school; recitation, "Surprise Jack," Raymond; recitation, "A Little Secret," Vesta Cator; dialogue, "Christmas Bells," fourteen girls; singing, "Ring On, Ye Bells," school; recitation, "Poor Santa Claus," Paul Kearns; recitation, "The Manger Far Away," Edna Orem; dialogue, "Thoughts for Jesus," five girls; trombone solo, Mr. Maddert; singing, "Israel, a Land of Promise," school; dialogue, "Taps, Taps, Taps," five girls; recitation, "The Christmas Lily," Heather Tighman; dialogue, "The Little Speakers," three boys; singing, "Oh, Hear the Bells," school; recitation, Mabel Burch; dialogue, "What the Stockings Hold," seven girls; recitation, "The Dream," Mr. John Fort; Frank Isaac; singing, "Welcome, Blest Redeemer," school; dialogue, "The Christmas Story," Mabel Eyles and "The Star," dialogue, "Bible Boys," Mr. John Fort; class; singing, "Glory to God."

At the conclusion of the numbers Santa Claus was heard in the street with his bells. The door was opened and he entered, laden with bags and packages, which contained the presentation. The chairman of the committee assisting the superintendent were: Mr. Daniel Smithson, music; Mr. Samuel Campbell, recitations; Mr. George W. Shookmaker, decorations.

## Chinese Minister Urges Ratification.

At the Chinese legation the confident belief is expressed that the throne at Peking will ratify the American-Chinese commercial treaty, recently ratified by the United States Senate, and that ratifications may be exchanged without delay. In calling his government several days ago the announcement of the ratification of the treaty here, Sir Liang, the Chinese minister, took occasion to urge that the ratification at Peking be expedited as much as possible.

## Will Go to St. Petersburg.

M. Theodore Hansen, first secretary of the Russian embassy, has been granted leave of absence and will start for St. Petersburg in a short time.

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